

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR CIVIL FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,650,000, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR CIVIL FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET

MAY 27 (legislative day, MAY 12), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, May 27, 1952.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$19,650,000, for the Department of Defense for Civil Functions, Department of the Army, in the form of amendments to the budget for said fiscal year.

The details of these proposed appropriations, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington 25, D. C., May 27, 1952.

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$19,650,000, for the Department of Defense for civil functions, Department of the Army, in the form of amendments to the budget for said fiscal year, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CIVIL FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Budget page	Heading	Original estimate	Change to—	Increase
700-701	Maintenance and improvement of existing river and harbor works.....	\$286, 675, 000	\$293, 675, 000	\$7, 000, 000

An additional amount of \$2,000,000 is necessary to accomplish emergency bank stabilization works at unspecified locations on the Arkansas River. Due to the migratory nature of the waterway, it is expected that critical conditions will develop at some locations during the year. These locations cannot be determined in advance. It is proposed that the emergency works to be undertaken will be limited generally to those which can be accomplished with the funds requested in order that the Federal Government will not be committed to large additional appropriations for completion of the construction in future years. The urgent need for these works was not clearly apparent at the time the last budget estimates were submitted.

An additional amount of \$5,000,000 is necessary to accomplish urgent maintenance operations in the Missouri and upper Mississippi Rivers. The recent unprecedented floods of disastrous proportions along these streams caused extensive damages to public structures and property including key control works on the Missouri River between Sioux City and its mouth and important navigation structures and channels in the upper Mississippi River. These extraordinary maintenance operations must be undertaken at the earliest practicable date in order to preclude the possibility of unwarranted deterioration of the damaged navigation and control structures and a serious disruption in the movement of important river traffic, particularly in the upper Mississippi River, during the navigation season. Provision for this work was not included in the budget because the need therefor did not arise until occurrence of the floods this spring.

## FLOOD CONTROL

Budget page	Heading	Original estimate	Change to—	Increase
704	Flood control, general.....	\$300,795,000	\$313,445,000	\$12,650,000

The disastrous floods experienced in many parts of the Nation during the course of the past year have served to highlight the necessity for moving ahead immediately in providing protection for certain vulnerable highly developed urban areas. Establishments engaged in the defense effort are located in these areas and floods could seriously hamper attaining production goals. The amount of \$12,650,000 is necessary for initiation of construction on 11 high priority projects in fiscal year 1953 as follows:

Dallas floodway, Texas.....	\$2,000,000
Wheeling-Benwood, W. Va.....	2,000,000
Corning, N. Y.....	1,500,000
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	1,200,000
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1,200,000
Havre, Mont.....	1,000,000
Middle Rio Grande, N. Mex. (Rio Grande floodway).....	1,000,000
Swoyersville and Forty Fort, Pa.....	900,000
Red River of the North (Grand Forks, N. Dak., and East Grand Forks, Minn.).....	800,000
Tucson, Ariz.....	800,000
Pineville, Ky.....	250,000

The planning of these projects has now advanced to the stage where construction contracts can be awarded in the reasonably near future and local cooperation assurances have become sufficiently firm to insure initiation of work without undue delays.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriations be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LAWTON,  
*Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

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